

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A method of classifying a communication in an application infrastructure:  
examining a packet;  
classifying the packet as management data or content data; and  
routing the packet based on the classification.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the packet is classified based on a protocol, a source address, a destination address, a source port, a destination port, or any combination thereof.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein classifying the packet is accomplished using a stream label mapping table.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein routing the packet further comprises routing the packet to a management interface component.
5. The method of claim 4, wherein the packet gets routed over a management infrastructure.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the packet is received from a management interface component.
7. The method of claim 6, wherein the packet is received over a management infrastructure.
8. The method of claim 7, wherein the packet is routed to an agent on an application infrastructure component.
9. The method of claim 7, further comprising blocking other traffic in the application infrastructure.

10. An apparatus for implementing the method of claim 1.

11. A data processing system readable medium having code for classifying a communication in an application infrastructure, wherein the code is embodied within the data processing system readable medium, the code comprising instructions for:

examining a packet;

classifying the packet as management data or content data; and

routing the packet based on the classification.

12. The data processing system readable medium of claim 11, wherein the packet is classified based on a protocol, a source address, a destination address, a source port, a destination port, or any combination thereof.

13. The data processing system readable medium of claim 12, wherein classifying the packet is accomplished using a stream label mapping table.

14. The data processing system readable medium of claim 11, wherein routing the packet further comprises routing the packet to a management interface component.

15. The data processing system readable medium of claim 14, wherein the packet gets routed over a management infrastructure.

16. The data processing system readable medium of claim 11, wherein the packet is received from a management interface component.

17. The data processing system readable medium of claim 16, wherein the packet is received over a management infrastructure.

18. The data processing system readable medium of claim 17, wherein the packet is routed to an agent on an application infrastructure component.

19. The data processing system readable medium of claim 17, further comprising instructions translatable for blocking other traffic in the application infrastructure.